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The U.S. Scientific Envoy Dr. Elias Zerhouni Visits Algeria

U.S. Science Envoy Elias Zerhouni will conduct a two-day visit to Algeria March 6-8. During his stay in Algiers, Dr. Elias Zerhouni will hold discussions with senior officials of the Government of Algeria, meet leaders of the scientific, medical, technology, and academic communities, and tour local healthcare facilities. He will also hold press events with representatives of the Algerian media.

Appointed by President Obama as U.S. Scientific Envoy in 2009, Elias Zerhouni received his medical degree at the University Of Algiers School Of Medicine before coming to America. He completed his residency at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, where he later served as a professor and chairman of the Radiology Department. Dr. Zerhouni also has served as a White House consultant to the World Health Organization.

In 2002, Dr. Zerhouni was appointed the 15th director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Zerhouni stepped down as director in October 2008. He rejoined the faculty of Johns Hopkins University and became a senior fellow in the Global Health program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dr. Zerhouni is a member of the board of trustees of the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, which opened in September 2009 in Saudi Arabia. He is also the Chairman of the Board of The Algerian-American Foundation for Culture, Education, Science, and Technology, on which Algerian Ambassador to the United States Abdallah Baali and U.S. Ambassador to Algeria David Pearce serve as Honorary Chairmen.

Announced in Cairo by President Obama, the U.S. Science Envoy Program seeks to build global partnerships to, "develop new sources of energy, create green jobs, digitize records, clean water, and grow new crops." The U.S. Government's interest in meaningful partnerships on science and technology stems from America's and all nations' mutual interest in improving lives around the world.

American science and technology is a global engine of progress and growth, and international engagement by highly respected American scientists has the potential to build bridges and help identify opportunities for sustained cooperation.